

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2050 - SB 1787

March 1, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Cheatham County to replace the existing fire tax with a flat fee assessment per parcel collected by the trustee in the same manner as property taxes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Revenue – \$942,900/Permissive

Increase Local Expenditures – \$942,900/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Cheatham County Property Assessor, the current fire tax only applies to parcels in Kingston Springs and Pegram and is based on the assessed value of each parcel.
- According to the Cheatham County Finance Office, \$143,523.93 was collected for the fire-tax in Kingston Springs and \$113,864.95 was collected in Pegram in 2010.
- The flat fee proposed to fund fire and emergency services will apply to all parcels in the county.
- According to the Cheatham County Property Assessor, there are 20,005 real property parcels within the county.
- According to the Cheatham County Mayor, the flat fee will be approximately \$60 per parcel for total fee collections of \$1,200,300 (20,005 parcels x \$60) each year, resulting in a permissive increase to local revenue of \$942,911 (\$1,200,300 - \$143,523.93 - \$113,864.95).
- There will be a permissive increase to local government expenditures equal to the increase in local government revenue.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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